

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2431
ANSWERED ON:17.08.2006
GAUGE CONVERSION OF ALIPUDWAR TO BAMANHAT
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a): Whether the Railways are aware that the gauge conversion work on the Alipurduar to Bamanhat line is going on for a long time;
- (b): if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Railways are not able to meet the target date to finish the work on this line;
- (d): if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e): the target date fixed earlier to finish this work; and
- (f): the time by which the work on this line will be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU)

(a) to (f) : A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2431 BY SHRI HITEN BARMAN AND SHRI JOACHIM BAXLA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 17.08.2006 REGARDING GAUGE CONVERSION OF ALIPUDWAR TO BAMANHAT.

(a) to (f) : Alipurduar-Bamanhat is a linked branch line of New Jalpaiguri-New Bongaigaon gauge conversion work. Gauge Conversion of New Jalpaiguri-New Bongaigaon (279 Kms) has been completed and commissioned. On branch line from Alipurduar to Bamanhat (73.32 Kms), earthwork and bridgeworks taken up. New Coochbehar-Alipurduar (23 Kms) is targeted for completion by September, 2006 and the balance during 2007-08. The work is being progressed as per availability of resources.